

REGION 10 - MARINE

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The fall season was once again warm and dry. Temperatures in September were roughly 2.5-3.5°F above normal, ranging from an average of 68.9° at Islip to 70.5° at Central Park. 2" of rain fell at Central Park in September, a deficit of 2.28", but rainfall was close to normal at Islip, 3.99", 0.41" above normal. October was extremely warm across the Region. The average temperature at Central Park was 64.1°, 7.2° above normal. The temperature anomaly was even greater at Islip—7.6° above normal. The average temperature is 61.9°. Total rainfall for the month of October was near or above normal, but almost all of the rain fell at the end of the month. Monthly totals ranged from 4.18" in Central Park, 0.22" below normal, to 6.67" at Islip, 2.88" above normal. This included 3.19" at Central Park and 4.02" at Islip during a deluge on 29-30 October. November continued dry, but temperatures were near normal. For example, rainfall at Islip was 1.80", 1.5" below normal, and the average temperature was 45.4°, 0.3° above normal. Tropical Storm José passed well southeast of Long Island on 19-20 September, with little to show bird-wise.

It was a decent season at the Fire Island Hawk Watch. Despite weather conditions that did not produce a good flight day throughout almost the entire month of October, a total of 3248 hawks were recorded, 2.5% below the average of the previous 20 years. 21 and 22 September were the big days with 429 and 782 hawks, respectively. Among the bright spots were the counts of Osprey (836) and Bald Eagle (12), both all-time highs. The 712 American Kestrels counted was 17% below the 20-year average, a modest increase after four years of record low counts. Numbers of Cooper's Hawks (49) and Peregrines (216) were 38% and 14% above the 20-year averages, respectively. The season's results included a Red-shouldered Hawk on 10 November and a Rough-legged Hawk on 11 November. Unfortunately, Sharp-shinned Hawks were at an all-time low. Only 92 birds were counted, 73% below the 20-year average. It was another bad year for Northern Harrier. 146 birds were counted, 36% below the 20-year average. Investigation is warranted as to the causes.

An abundance of late-season records of neotropical migrants was one of the season's notable phenomena and may reflect phenological changes in migration patterns caused by warm fall weather and underlying climate change. For example, at least 16 species of warblers were recorded in Central Park on 30 September and 15 species on 6 October. As the season progressed, a number of observers noted species present past their normal departure dates. For example, on 6 November at Robert Moses State Park, Suffolk County, the following late migrants were noted by one observer: two White-eyed Vireos, two Northern Parulas, Indigo Bunting, and Rose-breasted Grosbeak. There are many other

examples of species lingering well into November. Remarkably, at least 15 species of warblers were still being reported in the Region in the last week of November, including Prothonotary, Black-and-white, Northern Parula, Blackpoll, Magnolia, Black-throated Green, Canada, and Wilson's, and more expected late-season species such as Ovenbird, Northern Waterthrush, Nashville, Common Yellowthroat, Palm, and Pine.

Consistent with the changing climate, peak abundance of migratory waterfowl has shifted beyond the end of the fall season. Observed waterfowl numbers generally reflect this change. With the exception of several species of sea ducks, seasonal maxima were modest or low. A nice concentration of migratory waterfowl once again occurred on the East Pond at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, including the seasonal maxima for eight species.

It was the sparsest fall season for irruptive winter finches in the author's memory. There were only four reports of Pine Siskin, with a maximum of two, and approximately 15 reports of Purple Finch. The maximum of American Goldfinches was a paltry 72.

In a season full of great rarities, certainly the most outstanding was a Corn Crake, found along the side of the Ocean Parkway at Cedar Beach, Town of Babylon, Suffolk County by Ken and Suzy Feustel. The bird was found on 7 November and stayed in this unlikely spot through the 8th, affording many birders the opportunity for extended looks at this normally secretive species. Unfortunately, birders arriving on the morning of 9 November found the bird dead. The specimen was delivered to the American Museum of Natural History, where it was concluded that the bird had been struck by a car. See articles and photos elsewhere in this issue.

Pink-footed, Ross's, and Barnacle Geese were all seen in the Region in the second half of November. A Pacific Loon was spotted at Montauk Point on 12 November. A Northern Fulmar, extremely rare from shore, was seen at Robert Moses State Park on 15 November. An extremely obliging adult Brown Booby stayed around Lake Montauk from 27 September to 5 November. There were two American White Pelicans, one at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge on 29-30 September and the other at Jones Beach West End on 11 November. Also on 11 November, a juvenile Golden Eagle was seen in Southampton, Suffolk County. Three Sandhill Cranes were fly-overs at St. George, Staten Island on 8 November. A Franklin's Gull was seen at Miller Field, Staten Island on 13 September. A Bridled Tern was present at Great Gull Island, Suffolk County from 2-5 September. Photos were obtained. An immature male Calliope Hummingbird was a spectacular visitor at a feeder in Baiting Hollow, Suffolk County on 1 October.

A Hammond's Flycatcher, only New York's third record, was a very popular bird in Central Park from 26 November through the end of the season. Initially spotted by Linda LaBella, the challenging identification was confirmed through the power of digital technology and significant input from many birders. Other rare flycatchers in the Region included a Say's Phoebe at Hecksher State

Park, Suffolk County on 8 November and an Ash-throated Flycatcher at Mt. Loretto Unique Area, Staten Island on 23 November. There was a lone Cave Swallow report, at Breezy Point, Queens on 24 November. A Townsend's Solitaire showed up at the Suffolk County Farm in Yaphank, Suffolk County on 26 November, joining a couple of other good birds—a Prothonotary Warbler and a Clay-colored Sparrow—at this under-birded and intriguing location.

Brent Bomkamp discovered a Lark Bunting at Robert Moses State Park on 28 September, and it stayed to the 29th. A LeConte's Sparrow was seen and photographed at Pelham Bay Park, Bronx on 28 October. Two Western Tanagers were found. A female-type bird was discovered by Eric Miller at East Alley Marsh, Bayside, Queens on 12 November. It was present there at least to 28 November and seen by many. The second was at Stony Brook, Suffolk County on 17 November. Finally, Heydi Lopes found an adult male Yellow-headed Blackbird at Floyd Bennet Field on 24 September. It was also seen on the 25th.

The Four Harbors Audubon Society conducted an organized count of Common Nighthawks at Frank Melville Park, Setauket, Suffolk County. The site had been noted by local birders for large numbers of Common Nighthawks gathering to feed over Setauket Mill Pond during past migrations. The count was conducted on 40 evenings from late August to early October. By recent standards, the numbers of Common Nighthawks tallied were large, including a maximum of 573 on 8 September among a season total of 2046 birds. Additional documentation is forthcoming, and hopefully the effort will continue in future years using a standard methodology.

The fourth Seatuck Birding Challenge was held on 9 September, from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. under good weather conditions. A flight overnight resulted in many nocturnal migrants arriving under calm morning conditions. 184 species were found, exceeding last year's record of 166. Nine teams competed this year despite a scheduling conflict that made it impossible to include high school teams. A new team, All Wings Considered, finally succeeded in dethroning the three-time champion Pteam Ptarmigeddon by recording an astonishing total of 139 species, demolishing the previous record of 118 set last year. The Captree Counters were second with 131, and Pteam Ptarmigeddon was third, also well ahead of the old mark, with 124 species. There were many highlights, including American Bittern, Broad-winged Hawk, two American Avocets, American Golden-Plover, Marbled Godwit, Baird's and Buff-breasted Sandpipers, Olive-sided and Acadian Flycatchers, Western Kingbird, Connecticut and Yellow-throated Warblers, multiple Yellow-breasted Chats, and Clay-colored and Lincoln's Sparrows. More information about the Challenge and full results can be found at the Seatuck website: <https://www.seatuck.org/index.php/2017-birding-challenge-results>

An astonishing 328 species were recorded in Region 10 this season. To the author's knowledge, this is an all-time record for the Region in any season.

The author mourns the passing of Robert J. Kurtz on 26 September, 2017. Bob was a dedicated birder and hawk watcher, who touched many with his infectious sense of humor. He was a frequent contributor to this report, reliably submitting his own detailed seasonal report that the author found very useful for his bird observations and other insights, especially on weather and climate patterns. The death of Holly Wilson-Camhi on 7 November was another painful loss for our community. Holly birded Brooklyn with her husband Phillip and more widely on Long Island and in upstate New York with Patricia Lindsay, her aunt, and Shai Mitra, both long-time Regional Editors for Region 10. Her vibrancy and enthusiasm for birding were recorded too briefly in these pages but will be remembered by those who knew her.

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ABBREVIATIONS

APP – Alley Pd P, QUEE; **BLSP** – Belmont L SP, West Babylon, SUFF; **BPP** – Baisley Pd P, QUEE; **BPt** – Breezy Pt, QUEE; **BRY** – Bryant P, NEWY; **CB** – Cedar Beach, Babylon, SUFF; **CCP** – Cupsogue CP, SUFF; **CHP** – Conference House P, RICH; **CIC** – Coney I Cr/P, KING; **CP** – Central P, NEWY; **CR** – Cemetery of the Resurrection, RICH; **CRSP** – Connetquot R SP, SUFF; **CVP** – Calvert Vaux P, KING (formerly Drier-Offerman P); **Ed** – Sod fields on Edwards Av north of Route 25, Riverhead, SUFF; **EPCAL** – Calverton Grasslands (former Grumman Property), Calverton, SUFF; **FBF** – Floyd Bennett Field, KING; **FIHW** – Fire Island Hawk Watch, Robert Moses SP, SUFF;

FKP – Fresh Kills P, RICH; **FMCP** – Flushing Meadows-Corona P, QUEE; **FP** – Forest P, QUEE; **FT** – Fort Tilden, QUEE; **FWP** – Ft. Washington P, NEWY; **GBP** – Goethal’s Bridge Pd, RICH; **GBy** – Gravesend Bay, KING; **GKP** – Great Kills P, RICH; **GwC** – Green-wood Cemetery, KING; **HLSP** – Hempstead L SP, NASS; **HP** – Hook Pd, East Hampton, SUFF; **HSP** – Heckscher SP, SUFF; **JBSP** – Jones Beach SP, NASS; **JBWE** – West End, Jones Beach SP, NASS; **JBWR** – Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, QUEE; **KP** – Kissena P, QUEE; **Mass** – Massapequa Preserve, NASS; **MB** – Mecox Bay/Mecox Inlet, SUFF; **MLUA** – Mt. Loretto Unique Area, RICH; **MNSA** – Marine Nature Study Area, Oceanside, NASS; **MP** – Montauk Pt SP, SUFF; **NYBG** – New York Botanical Garden, BRON; **PBP** – Pelham Bay P, BRON; **PL** – Patchogue L, Patchogue, SUFF; **PP** – Prospect P, KING; **RI** – Randall’s I, NEWY; **RMSP** – Robert Moses SP, SUFF; **RP** – Jacob Riis P, QUEE; **Rt 105** – Sod fields south of Sound Av between Route 105 and Doctor’s Path, Riverhead, SUFF; **Sag** – Sagaponack Pd/Inlet, SUFF; **Shinn** – Shinnecock Inlet, SUFF; **SPCP** – Smith Pt CP, SUFF; **SPP** – Southards Pd P, West Babylon, SUFF; **SMSP** – Sunken Meadow SP, SUFF; **VCP** – Van Cortlandt P, BRON; **VSh** – Venetian Shores P, Lindenhurst, SUFF; **VSSP** – Valley Stream SP, NASS; **WPP** – Wolfe’s Pd P, RICH.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE: Deep Hollow Ranch, Montauk, SUFF 28 Nov (BH).
Greater White-fronted Goose: Calverton, SUFF 10 Nov (RBA); BLSP 16-29 Nov (JSt, mob).
Snow Goose: max 250 JBWR 18 Nov (JDi, et al), low num.
ROSS’S GOOSE (R10): CRSP 25Nov (B. Marrs), ph.
Brant: max 10,000 JBWE 25 Nov (GL).
BARNACLE GOOSE: Old Town Pd, Southampton, SUFF 15 Nov (RBA).
Cackling Goose: Hendrickson P, Valley Stream, NASS 10 Nov (TH); 2 Hendrickson P 11-22 Nov (TH, mob); PP 19 Nov (fide RJ); 2 PP 20-23 Nov (RJ, mob); 7 Calverton 24 Nov (DLM), large num; Grant P, Hewlett, NASS 30 Nov (KR).
Mute Swan: max 250 JBWR 30 Sep (P. Markee), more than recent years.
Tundra Swan: 21 JBWE 8 Nov (RBA), large num.
Wood Duck: max 39 MP 3 Sep (AnW), large num.
Gadwall: max 450 JBWR 9 Oct (DG, SS).
Eurasian Wigeon: JBWR 5 Oct thru (KF, SF, AB, CF); Eastport Pd, Eastport, SUFF 4 Nov thru (RBA); Fresh Pd, Ft. Salonga, SUFF 15 Nov thru (RBA); Mill Pd, W. Sayville, SUFF 29 Nov thru (JT).
Am. Wigeon: max 260 JBWR 9 Oct (DG, SS).
Am. Black Duck: max 900 JBWR 9 Nov (T. Lenz, et al.).

Blue-winged Teal: max 50 JBWR 5-19 Sep (CF).
N. Shoveler: max 551 JBWR 23 Oct (AB).
N. Pintail: max 75 Mass 26 Nov (EMu).
Green-winged Teal: max 350 JBWR 18 Oct (AB).
Canvasback: max 14 Tung Ting Pd, Centerport, SUFF 29 Nov (M. Jensen), low num.
Redhead: max 25 Baisley Pd P, QUEE 30 Nov (CCo), low num.
Ring-necked Duck: max 100 Eastport L, SUFF 12 Nov (AC), low num.
Greater Scaup: max 250 Gardiner CP, SUFF 19 Oct (S. Muntchnick), low num.
Lesser Scaup: max 60 Eastport L 12 Nov (AC).
King Eider: fem JBWE 18 Nov (KF); Ditch Plains, Montauk, SUFF 18 Nov (AiP).
Com. Eider: max 1500 MP 23 Nov (KF, SF), large num.
Harlequin Duck: max 6 Pt. Lookout, NASS 25 Nov (GL).
Surf Scoter: max 800 RMSP 29 Oct (BBo, PMo).
White-winged Scoter: max 1900 MP 24 Nov (KF, SF), large num.
Black Scoter: max 13,500 RMSP 29 Oct (BBo, PMo), large num.
Long-tailed Duck: max 77 Orient, SUFF 6 Nov (J. Milton), low num.
Bufflehead: max 252 Bush Terminal Pier, KING 12 Nov (AB).
Com. Goldeneye: max 4 Sammy’s B, East Hampton, SUFF 21 Oct (P. Markee); max 4

Stehli B, Lattingtown, NASS 18 Nov (B. Garriel); low num.

Hooded Merganser: max 125 Unqua L, Massapequa, NASS 25 Nov (EMU)

Com. Merganser: 2 SMSP 18 Nov (A. Angelis, I. Angelis); 2 JBWR 26-29 Nov (GL, A. Bartow); only reps.

Red-breasted Merganser: max 40 MLUA 25 Nov (ACi), low num.

Ruddy Duck: max 500 JBWR 3 Nov (SC), large num.

N. Bobwhite: 12 Greentree Estate, Manhasset, NASS 7 Oct (SP), released; 5 Dam Pd Pres, East Marion, SUFF 15 Oct (JSe), unusual loc.

PACIFIC LOON: MP 12 Nov (AC).

Red-necked Grebe: 2 MP 12 Nov (KF, SF), only rep.

N. Fulmar: 6 mi. s. Amagansett, SUFF 6 Nov (RBA); RMSP 15 Nov (RBA), rare from land.

Cory's Shearwater: 20 MB 17 Sep (SSM, PJL); 11 MP 4 Oct (RBA); BPt 9 Oct (RBA); 2 RMSP 8 Oct (RBA); Shinn 22 Oct (MC); East Hampton, SUFF 29 Oct (AnW).

Great Shearwater: 2 RMSP 5 Nov (TH); 8 mi. s. Amagansett 6 Nov (RBA); 2 MP 12 Nov (TH); BPt 19 Nov (MB).

Sooty Shearwater: 2 East Hampton 3 Sep (AnW), late.

Manx Shearwater: RMSP 29 Oct (TS).

BROWN BOOBY: ad L. Montauk, SUFF 27 Sep – 5 Nov (*fide* DR, mob, BBo).

N. Gannet: 8300 BPt 19 Nov (MB), large num.

Great Cormorant: L. Montauk 30 Sep (AnW), early.

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN (R10): JBWR 29-30 Sep (EG, mob); JBWE 11 Nov (KR), ph.

Brown Pelican: 2 Jones Inlet, NASS 24 Sep (TH); 6 JBWE 15 Oct (TWB, GB).

Am. Bittern: Marine Park, KING 28 Oct (RBA); 2 Gligo B, SUFF 1 Nov (RBA); Dune Rd., Hampton Bays, SUFF 5 Nov (BBo).

Least Bittern: River Rd., RICH 22 Sep (IG); GBP 11 Oct (JRG).

Snowy Egret: max 153 JBWR 4 Sep (CF).

Tricolored Heron: MNSA 15-17 Sep (MF); JBWR 1-7 Oct (A. Angelis, I. Angelis, L. Cafuoco).

Cattle Egret: Bridgehampton, SUFF 19 Nov (VB, AnW).

Black Vulture: 5 Moses Mtn., RICH 21 Oct (CB); 5 Ft. Washington P, NEWY 20 Nov (NS).

Turkey Vulture: 26 CP 17 Oct (DA, *et al.*), large num.

HAWKS - LARIDS

Osprey: 836 FIHW (*fide* DP), all-time max and 140% above average of previous 20 years; 201 FIHW 22 Sep (*fide* DP), all-time max; Great Neck, NASS 15 Nov (JT), late.

GOLDEN EAGLE (R10): juv Southampton, SUFF 11 Nov (AC).

Bald Eagle: 12 FIHW (*fide* DP), all-time max and +172% 20-yr avg.

N. Harrier: 146 FIHW (*fide* DP), 36% below average of previous 20 years.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: 92 FIHW (*fide* DP), all-time minimum and -73% 20-yr avg.

Cooper's Hawk: 49 FIHW (*fide* DP), +38% 20-yr avg.

Red-shouldered Hawk: FIHW 10 Nov (*fide* DP), rare on barrier island.

Broad-winged Hawk: 18 Bronx Zoo, BRON 29 Sep (TO).

Rough-legged Hawk: FIHW 11 Nov (*fide* DP), only rep.

CORN CRAKE: Cedar B, Babylon, SUFF 7-9 Nov (KF, SF, mob), *intro*.

Virginia Rail: Greentree Estate 11 Sep (SP); CHP 8 Nov (EJ); 48th St. & park Av., NEWY 8 Nov (*fide* L. Trachtenberg), found on hood of car, taken to rehabber; VCP 19 Nov (NS, *et al.*); up to 3 released by rehabber CP late Nov (*fide* TF).

Sora: JBWR 18 Sep (AL, CF).

Com. Gallinule: juv Mill Pd, Bellmore, NASS 18-23 Sep (J. Landesberg, mob); PP 14-21 Nov (JM, mob).

SANDHILL CRANE (R10): 3 St. George, RICH 8 Nov (IG), fly-over.

Am. Avocet: JBWR 8 Sep – 10 Oct (CF, mob); CCP 9 Sep (AC, BBo, BF).

Am. Oystercatcher: max 565 JBWE 15 Oct (RBA).

Am. Golden-Plover: few; Miller Field, RICH 3 Sep (ACi); Wading R, SUFF 3 Sep (TH); JBWR 8 Sep (CF); 2 Plumb B, KING 3 Sep (RBA); 2 MB 14 Sep (RBA); 2 Sag 14 Sep (RA); max 9 Riverhead 17 Sep (A. Ratay), low num; CR 23 Sep (ACi); CIC 20 Sep (DG); 2 BPt 21 Sep (AB); 6 JBWR 24 Sep (AB); JBWR 3 Oct (TF); JBWE 2-6 Oct (mob); 2 JBWR 5-7 Oct (KF, SF, AB); HSP 7 Oct (SF); JBWE 25 Oct (DD, *et al.*); 2-3 HSP 29 Oct – 3 Nov (GQ, SSM, KF, SF); 4 JBWE 17 Nov (PH).

Piping Plover: CCP 25 Nov (LO), late.

Spotted Sandpiper: Bush Terminal Pier, KING 28 Oct – 25 Nov (AB), late.

Greater Yellowlegs: 274 Broad Channel, QUEE 10 Oct (MB), large num.

Upland Sandpiper: Hulse Landing Rd, Wading River, SUFF 3 Sep (TH).

Whimbrel: PBP 9 Sep (MB); 3 PBP 10 Sep (MB); JBWE 24 Sep (TH).

Hudsonian Godwit: 2 JBWR 2 Sep (KM); JBWR 3 Sep (DG); JBWR 21 Sep – 8 Oct, PJJ, *et al.*, mob); 3-4 HSP 2-6 Nov (KF, DF, SSM, PJJ), one with tumors on head and leg; HSP 7-19 Nov (mob); JBWR 4 Nov (CF).

Marbled Godwit: 3 Old Inlet, Bellport, SUFF 2 Sep (RBA); JBWE 4 Sep (AL, *et al.*); Little Egg Marsh, Broad Channel, QUEE 14 Oct (MB).

Red Knot: max 155 JBWE 10 Sep (BF, TH).

Stilt Sandpiper: Timber Pt., SUFF 7 Sep (JSt), unusual loc; max 25 JBWR 19 Sep (CF); 9 JBWR 6 Oct (AB); JBWE 5 Nov (AB), late.

Baird's Sandpiper: Wading River 2 Sep (MSch); JBWR 8 Sep (mob); Miller Field 9-11 Sep (EJ, JRG); 2 Miller Field 13 Sep (HF, JRG); JBWE 3 Nov (RBA), late.

White-rumped Sandpiper: max 15 JBWR 11 Sep (CF); JBWR 22 Oct (SW), late.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: few; Rockaway, QUEE 1 Sep (CF), unusual loc; max 4 Riverhead 2 Sep (MY, *et al.*); Wading River 2 Sep (MSch); 2 Wading River 3 Sep (TH).

Pectoral Sandpiper: max 41 JBWR 6 Oct (AB), large num.

Short-billed Dowitcher: max 35 CCP 15 Sep (KF, SF), low num.

Long-billed Dowitcher: max 13 Santapogue Cr, Lindenhurst, SUFF 27 Sep (AL).

Wilson's Phalarope: JBWR 5 Sep (CF); JBWR 17 Sep (KF).

Red-necked Phalarope: 5 Kenny's B, Southold, SUFF 1 Sep (L. Normandia, R. Kedenburg), ph!, unusual loc.

Pomarine Jaeger: BPt 9 Oct (RBA), rare from land.

Parasitic Jaeger: 3 CCP 19 Sep (SSM); 2 RMSP 20 Sep (SSM); Oakwood B, RICH 20 Sep (ACi); MP 4 Oct (RBA); FT 7 Oct (CF, *et al.*); FT 9 Oct (SA, CF); 2 RP 9 Oct (SA, CF); 15 BPt 9 Oct (RBA), large num; 2 Coney I, KING 9 Oct (RBA); 3 RMSP 29 Oct (RBA); 3 RMSP 15 Nov (RBA); JBWE 25 Nov (TH); **Dovekie:** MP 18 Nov (AiP).

Razorbill: 2 East Hampton 24 Oct (AnW), early; 2 MP 12 Nov (AC); max 12 RMSP 16 Nov (KF); 2 JBWE 18 Nov (KF).

Black-legged Kittiwake: CCP 17 Sep (SSM, PJJ); PBP 5 Nov (JR, mob); 2 Camp Hero SP, Montauk, SUFF 5 Nov (BBo); 4 RMSP 15

Nov (RBA); BPt 19 Nov MB; RP 25 Nov (AB); max 12 RMSP 26 Nov (PMo, TS, *et al.*).

Bonaparte's Gull: max 1500 RMSP 25-26 Nov (BBo, PMo, TS, *et al.*).

Black-headed Gull: PBP 3-12 Nov (RBA, AB, JR, AR).

Little Gull: MP 23 Nov (KF, SF).

FRANKLIN'S GULL (R10): Miller Field 13 Sep (HF, JRG).

Iceland Gull: Old Inlet, Bellport 2 Sep (RBA); SPCP 21 Sep (RA, JHr), 3 cy; early; City I, BRON 11 Nov (RBA); BPt 18-19 Nov (RAR, MB); RP 25 Nov (AB).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: 9 Old Inlet, Bellport 2 Sep (RBA); 2 SPCP 8 Sep (RBA); juv JBWE 10 Sep (SA); 4 Sag 14 Sep (RBA); ad CCP 17 Sep (SSM, PJJ); BPt 17 Sep (AB); 6 SPCP 19 Sep (JHr); 12 RMSP 19 Sep (BB); 13 JBWE 19 Sep (BB); 8 juv RMSP 20 Sep (SSM); Arden Av., RICH 27 Sep thru, returning ad (mob); 18 JBWE 16 Oct (*fide* AB); 23 JBWE 24 Oct (RT); max 48 RMSP 29 Oct (SSM, PJJ, MC); Maratooka L, Mattituck, SUFF 19 Nov, SA, MN, 1st win; BPt 19 Nov (MB); 2 RP 25 Nov (AB).

BRIDLED TERN: Great Gull I, SUFF 2-5 Sep (JDi, *et al.*), ph.

Gull-billed Tern: Leeds Pd Pres, Pt. Washington, NASS 14 Sep (CCo), only rep.

Caspian Tern: 2 JBWR 9-10 Sep (CF, SA, MN, SP); 3 Pike's B, Westhampton Dunes, SUFF 3 Sep (RBA); JBWR 16 Sep (SW); 3 JBWR 19 Sep – 9 Oct (CF, TWB, GB, mob); 2 BPt 21 Sep (AB); 2 MP 4 Oct (RBA); 2 MB 5 Oct (RBA); max 6 RMSP 8 Oct (KF, SF, PMo); 2 FT 10 Oct (DG).

Black Tern: 2 Pike's B 3 Sep (RBA); max 64 JBSP 7 Sep (KF), large num; 2 MB 14 Sep (RBA); 7 MB 17 Sep (SSM, PJJ); Nickerson B, NASS 18 Sep (AB); 7 JBSP 19 Sep (RT).

Roseate Tern: max 300 Great Gull I 6 Sep (JDi), large num.

Royal Tern: appx. 30 reps. incl: 150 Old Inlet, Bellport 2 Sep (RBA); 241 Midland B, RICH 20 Sep (IG); 31 Pike's B 4 Oct (RBA); 34 MB 5 Oct (RBA); 42 FT 7 Oct (CF, *et al.*); 270 Midland B 25 Oct (CB); 107 Midland B 27 Oct (RV); max 280 Midland B 28 Oct (TH); 57 Midland B 2 Nov (RV); 2 RMSP 15 Nov (RBA); 3 BPt 18 Nov (RAR, MB); 4 BPt 19 Nov (MB), last.

PIGEONS - PARROTS

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: Cedar B, RICH 7 Nov (RV), late.

Black-billed Cuckoo: Caumsett SP, SUFF 12 Nov (DK, BR), late

Great Horned Owl: max 4 Greentree Estate, 1 Sep (SP); FT 7 Oct (CF, *et al.*), unusual loc.

Snowy Owl: Bush Terminal Pier 12 Nov (RBA), unusual loc; max 5 Fire I, SUFF 23 Nov (DR).

Long-eared Owl: KP 9 Nov (CCo).

Short-eared Owl: 2 reps.

N. Saw-whet Owl: 2 reps.

Com. Nighthawk: 164 Setauket, SUFF 4 Sep (JT, PDI, *et al.*); 307 Setauket 7 Sep (JT, PDI, *et al.*); max 573 Setauket 8 Sep (JT, PDI, *et al.*); 134 Setauket 13 Sep (JT, PDI, *et al.*); large nums; *intro*.

E. Whip-poor-will: Coney I Cr P 23 Sep (mob), rare in fall.

Chimney Swift: 1625 FT 1 Sep (DG, SB), 7-hour watch.

CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD: Baiting Hollow, SUFF 1 Oct (RBA), imm m, ph.

Red-headed Woodpecker: RMSP 9 Sep (TH); Oakland L, QUEE 10 Sep (AG); imm CLP 13 Sep (EJ); CP 17 Sep (DA, *et al.*); RMSP 30 Sep (RBA); imm FT 7-10 Oct (CF, *et al.*, DG); GwC 5 Nov thru (PD, RBA).

PILEATED WOODPECKER (R10): CLP 9 Sep (EJ); Jayne's Hill, Huntington, SUFF, 3 Oct (*fide* PPa).

Am. Kestrel: 712 FIHW (*fide* DP), -17% 20-yr avg.

Merlin: 1177 FIHW (*fide* DP), -10% 20-yr avg.

Peregrine Falcon: 216 FIHW (*fide* DP), +14% 20-yr avg.

Monk Parakeet: max 40 Santapogue Cr 18 Nov (BBo, PMo, TS).

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Olive-sided Flycatcher: 3 PP 1 Sep (K. O'hearn); CLP 2 Sep (EJ); CP 2 Sep (DA, *et al.*); CP 12 Sep (ABi).

HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER: CP 26 Nov thru (Linda LaBella, mob).

"Empidonax" sp.: CP 25 Nov (DA, *et al.*), late.

SAY'S PHOEBE: HSP 8 Nov (PJI).

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: MLUA 23 Nov (EJ, DE).

Western Kingbird: RMSP 6 Sep (PA); RMSP 9 Sep (TH); JBWE 10 Sep (TH); Governor's I, NEWY 15 Sep (BC).

N. Shrike: JBWE 10 Nov (PH), ph.

White-eyed Vireo: 2 RMSP 6 Nov (SSM); BPt 29 Nov (AB); late.

Philadelphia Vireo: CP 17 Sep (DA, *et al.*); Old Westbury, NASS 23 Sep (EM, *et al.*); CIC 19-29 Nov (RBA), late.

Red-eyed Vireo: 2 RP 11 Nov (AB), late.

Com. Raven: 2 CP 9 Sep (J. Spindel); 2 Forest Hills, QUEE 10 Sep (MN, SA); Park Slope, KING 7 Oct (M. Wohl); 2 Tiffany Pres., Oyster Bay Cove, NASS 14 Oct (PM); 10 Moses Mtn 4 Nov (CB), large num; 3 Merrick, NASS 4 Nov (PM); 2 Frick Estate, Roslyn, NASS 5 Nov (PM); 2 CP 19 Nov (DA, *et al.*); 2 Van Name Cove, RICH 27 Nov (EJ); widespread and under-reported.

Purple Martin: 11 FT 1 Sep (DG, SB), 7-hour watch.

Bank Swallow: 76 FT 1 Sep (DG, SB), 7-hour watch.

Cliff Swallow: 13 FT 1 Sep (DG, SB), 7-hour watch.

CAVE SWALLOW: BPt 24 Nov (J. Gyekis, L. Snavely).

Barn Swallow: 1315 FT 1 Sep (DG, SB), 7-hour watch.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: very few; appx 10 reps, max 2.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: 31 Greentree Estate 17 Oct (SP), large num.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 86 Greentree Estate 17 Oct (SP), large num.

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE: Suffolk County farm, Yaphank, SUFF 26 Nov (R. Haines, *fide* JGI).

Am. Pipit: 5 JBWR 5 Oct (KF, SF), unusual loc.

LONGSPURS – WARBLERS

Lapland Longspur: BPB 4 Nov (RBA); RMSP 18 Nov (SA, MN, PJI, SSM), migr; FIHW 26 Nov (RBA).

Ovenbird: thru (RBA).

Louisiana Waterthrush: CP 2 Sep (J. Sepulvida), rare in fall.

N. Waterthrush: CP 26-28 Nov (DA, *et al.*; J. Keane, B. Inskeep), late; present thru (RBA).

Golden-winged Warbler: APP 1-9 Sep (EM, JR, mob); 2 APP 16 Sep (EM, MZ).

Black-and-white Warbler: thru (RBA).

Prothonotary Warbler: Suffolk County Farm, Yaphank, 24 Nov thru (*fide* RP, mob).

Tennessee Warbler: CP 15 Oct (DA, *et al.*); Owl's Head P, KING 6 Nov (RM); late.

Orange-crowned Warbler: appx 30 reps incl: CP 1 Sep (DA, *et al.*), early; 2 PP 17 Oct (SS); 2 BPB 2 Nov (RBA); 3 CP 11 Nov (DA, *et al.*); 3 E. Alley Marsh, QUEE 14 Nov (AB, mob);

BRY 19 Nov (J. Keefer); 2 CP 25 Nov (DA, et al.); 3 Hendrix Cr/Canarsie P, KING 30 Nov (DG, SS).

Nashville Warbler: thru (RBA).

Connecticut Warbler: PP 4 Sep (K. O'Hearn, JM, mob); Uplands Farm Pres, Cold Spring Harbor, SUFF 8 Sep (BBo); CP 8 Sep (*fide* TF); APP 9 Sep (EM, JR); Sands Pt. Pres, NASS 9 Sep (GQ); Brooklyn Bridge P, KING 15 Sep (H. Wolf); CP 15 Sep (KFu); KP 20 Sep (EM, *et al.*); APP 22 Sep (EM, et al); CP 23 Sep (ACi); Snug Harbor, RICH 23 Sep (IG);

Kentucky Warbler: CP 10 Sep (D. Mullins), rare in fall.

Com. Yellowthroat: thru (RBA).

Hooded Warbler: appx 25 reps incl: CP 7 Sep (P. Pollock); 4 CP 30 Sep (DA, *et al.*), large num; Gardiner's P, Bayshore, SUFF 27 Oct (N. Laviola), late; PP 16 Nov (RBA); APP 17 Nov (RBA); PP 19 Nov (M. Brawer).

Am. Redstart: CP 29 Nov (B. Elbert), late.

Cape May Warbler: 17 FT 1 Sep (DG, SB), 7-hour watch; max 32 Coney I Cr P 9 Sep (DG), large num.

N. Parula: 2 RMSP 6 Nov (SSM); CP 26 Nov (DA, et al.); BPt 29 Nov (AB); Hendrix Cr. 30 Nov (DG, SS); thru (RBA).

Magnolia Warbler: CP 27 Oct (DA, *et al.*); RMSP 7 Nov (BBo); PP 23 Nov (C. McRae); late; thru (RBA).

Chestnut-sided Warbler: CP 15 Oct (DA, *et al.*); Stuyvesant Town, NEWY 20 Oct (AL); late.

Blackpoll Warbler: Coney I Cr P 20 Nov (K.O'hearn, K. Toomey), late.

Palm Warbler: 64 Greentree Estate 17 Oct (SP), large num.

Yellow-throated Warbler: Snug Harbor 30 Sep (IG); CLP 4 Oct (HF); CP 28-30 Oct (RBA).

Black-throated Green Warbler: VCP 19 Nov (NS, *et al.*); VCP 25 Nov (MB, RAr); late.

Canada Warbler: CP 29 Nov (E. Ratner), late; thru (RBA).

Wilson's Warbler: IHP 15 Nov (RBA); CP 23 Nov (DA, *et al.*); CP 26 Nov - thru (DA, *et al.*, S. Robinson); late.

Yellow-breasted Chat: 3 FT 9 Sep (SA, MN, JGl, *et al.*).

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Chipping Sparrow: 99 Greentree Estate 17 Oct (SP), large num.

Clay-colored Sparrow: 3 RMSP 5 Sep (SF, AG, *et al.*); GwC 10-11 Sep (RJ, mob); JBWE 17 Sep (PM); MP 17 Sep (SSM, PJJ); CP 24 Sep (ACi); CP 23 Sep (mob); Tiana B, Hampton Bays, SUFF 1 Oct (MC); RMSP 11 Oct (RBA); JBWE 16 Oct (RBA); PP 17 Oct (SS); KP 31 Oct (PR, *et al.*); MLUA 23 Nov (EJ, DE), late; Hither Hills SP, SUFF 24 Nov (KF, SF), late.

Vesper Sparrow: PBP 1 Oct (JC); KP 10 Oct (SA, MN); WPP 16 Oct (ACi); Ft. Wadsworth, RICH 18 Oct (IG); KP 21 Oct (PR); 2 PBP 25 Oct (MB); KP 30 Oct (PR, *et al.*).

Lark Sparrow: RMSP 9 Sep (TH); FIHW 10 Sep (MN); GwC 9-10 Sep (RJ, mob); Miller Field 18 Sep (ACi); JBWE 1 Oct (RBA); RMSP 22 Nov (RBA), late.

LARK BUNTING: RMSP 28-29 Sep (BBo, mob).

Grasshopper Sparrow: RMSP 11 Oct (PJJ, DF); KP 27 Oct (*fide* PR).

LE CONTE'S SPARROW: PBP 28 Oct (PR, MB), ph.

Nelson's Sparrow: 7 PB 14 Oct (JM); Big Egg Marsh 14 Oct (MB); JBWR 15 Oct (CF); FT 21 Oct (RZE, AL, *et al.*); max 8 Dune Rd., Hampton Bays 22 Oct (MC); Cedar Grove B, RICH 25 Oct (RV), *nelsoni*; 4 PBP 25 Oct (MB).

Song Sparrow: 216 Greentree Estate 17 Oct (SP), large num.

Lincoln's Sparrow: appx 35 reps fr. 19 Sep incl: 5 RP 30 Sep (AB); 3 Greentree Estate 7-8 Oct (SP); 5 Greentree Estate 17 Oct (SP); 5 Cedar Grove B 18 Oct (RV).

Swamp Sparrow: 139 Greentree Estate 17 Oct (SP), large num.

White-throated Sparrow: 227 Greentree Estate 17 Oct (SP), large num.

White-crowned Sparrow: 4 Greentree Estate 17 Oct (SP).

Summer Tanager: GwC 1 Oct (RBA), ph.

WESTERN TANAGER: E. Alley Marsh 12-28 Nov (EN, mob); Stony Brook, SUFF 17 Nov thru (RBA).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: RMSP 6 Nov (SSM), late.

Blue Grosbeak: FIHW 10 Sep (MN); 2 FIHW 12 Sep (MN, SA, CF); Greentree Estate 7 Oct (SP); JBWE 5 Nov (PJJ), late.

Indigo Bunting: 22 Greentree Estate 7 Oct (SP), large num; RMSP 6 Nov (SSM), late.

Dickcissel: FT 1 Sep (DG, SB); RMSP 4 Sep (S. Gilbert); JBWE 22 Sep (TH); 2 MLUA 30 Sep (RV); CHP 30 Sep (RV); PBP 1 Oct (JC); JBWE 7 Oct (DF); CSP 18 Oct (RA); JBWE

25 Oct (DD, *et al.*); PBP 2 Nov (RBA); 2 Cedar Grove B 15 Nov (RV); RMSP 22 Nov (RBA).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD: ad m FBF 24-25 Sep (HL, mob)

Rusty Blackbird: 7 Twin Lakes Pres., Wantagh, NASS 15 Nov (PM).

Boat-tailed Grackle: CP 25-26 Nov (RBA), unusual loc.

Orchard Oriole: RMSP 1 Sep (SSM, BBo, TS), rare in fall.

Purple Finch: few; appx 15 reps; max 16 FBF 18 Nov (R. Bumbry).

Pine Siskin: only 4 reps; max 2 SMSP 20 Oct (KF, SF)

Am. Goldfinch: few; max 72 RMSP 23 Nov (MMcB).

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